## Reservation of certain Ores and Minerals throughout the State.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 24557-62—Geol. 47-18-11, dated 29th April 1920, directing that, pending further investigation as to the requirements of local industries and the available supplies of minerals, certain ores and minerals shall be reserved within the specified areas and that until further notice no application shall be entertained for the grant of licenses and leases in respect of those ores and minerals over the areas specified, but that it will however be open to Government to make exceptions in the cases of approved applicants.

2. Paragraph 4 of Government Order No. I. C. 2941-6—Geol., 47-22-5, dated 6th November 1922, directing that all reservations notified in the Government Order of 29th April 1921 be withdrawn, except in the case of iron ore, limestone, dolomite manganese and chrome ores.

ORDER No. I. C. 4728-34—GEO. 47-22-8, DATED 29TH JANUARY 1923.

In modification of their orders dated 29th April 1920 and 6th November 1922, respectively, read above, Government are pleased to direct that iron ore, limestone, dolomite manganese and chrome ores be reserved *throughout* the State.

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# REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

## Local Self-Government Conference.

ORDER No. L. 5395-5457—Ml. 162-22-1, DATED 27TH JANUARY 1923.

Five years have elapsed since the Local Self-Government Scheme came into operation and a very important change has been introduced into the functions of the Local Bodies by tacking on Economic work to them, and under the Reforms Scheme further powers to deal with local subjects which are now brought before the Representative Assembly are proposed to be given to them. The question of co-ordinating and improving the working of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and of improving their finances and placing them on a satisfactory footing and other questions of vital importance to the Local Bodies have to be tackled with in the immediate future.

2. It was at first suggested that the Local Bodies should take the initiative in the matter and convene a Conference to discuss the various questions affecting the progress and development of Local Self-Government and to hold a thorough examination of the Local Self-Goverment Scheme. The Bangalore City Municipal Council passed a resolution agreeing to hold a Conference, but they have not as yet taken any definite action in the matter.

3. Government consider that the work of examining the Local Self-Government Scheme and formulating proposals in keeping with the proposed Constitutional Reforms should be expedited and that orders should be passed before the Constitutional Reforms are introduced into the State. They are accordingly pleased to direct that to go into all questions connected with the development of Local Self-Government in the State, a Conference be summoned by Government to meet in Bangalore in the 2nd or 3rd week of March 1923, and to be presided over by the Second Member of Council. The Presidents of the City and Town Municipal Councils, Non-official Presidents of District Boards and Non official Vice-Presidents of Taluk Boards, the Deputy Commissioners, some selected Heads of Departments and a few other non-official gentlemen will be invited to attend the Conference.

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